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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Oakland – Marijuana Grow Houses Linked to Mexican Cartel

(U) Authorities have raided 10 California marijuana grow houses and arrested at least 15 people in connection with operations that police say are linked to a major Mexican drug cartel. Authorities seized hundreds of pounds of marijuana in Oakland with an estimated street value of nearly \$4 million. An official said the organized operation is paying Mexican nationals to grow marijuana for the Sinaloa cartel. Police said the investigation began a month ago based on tips from the community.

SOURCE: 9 June 2016, [Associated Press](#)

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(U) Georgia – New Map Shows Where Zika Mosquitoes Live in US

(U) Atlanta – A new map shows mosquitoes that can carry the Zika virus are found in 40 states and Washington, DC. The map, compiled by experts at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, looks at all reports of the two species of mosquito that can transmit the virus: *Aedes aegypti*, also known as the yellow fever mosquito, and *Aedes albopictus*, or the Asian tiger mosquito. The team used records from CDC's mosquito-borne disease database, mosquito control agencies, university researchers and state and local health departments.

SOURCE: 9 June 2016, [NBC News](#)

(U) Massachusetts – 66 Face Drug, Weapons, Racketeering Charges in Gang Sweep

(U) Boston – Authorities say more than 60 gang members from Boston and other cities in eastern Massachusetts have been charged with drug, weapons and racketeering charges. Prosecutors allege that the 66 people charged yesterday were responsible for fueling a gun and drug pipeline in East Boston, Chelsea, Brockton, Malden, Revere and Everett. They were identified as leaders, members and associates of the 18th Street Gang, the East Side Money Gang and the Boylston Gang. More than 70 guns were seized during the investigation.

SOURCE: 9 June 2016, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Ohio – Restaurant Finds Unusual Credit Card Activity

(U) Dublin – Burger chain operator Wendy's Co. said it had discovered additional instances of unusual credit card activity at some of its franchise-operated restaurants, widening the scope of an earlier cyber attack on the company. The company in January said it was investigating reports of unusual activity with payment cards used at some of its restaurants. Wendy's said it recently discovered a variant of a malware that was discovered and reported in May. The new malware was used to target a point-of-sales system that was earlier believed to be unaffected. The company said the new variant of the malware had been disabled in cases where it was detected.

SOURCE: 9 June 2016, [Reuters](#)

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UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**(U) INTERNATIONAL****(U) Belgium – Judge Approves Extradition of Terror Attack Suspects**

(U) Brussels – A Belgian judge ruled yesterday that two suspects in the 13 November Paris attacks can be extradited to France, but at least one of them is unlikely to go soon because he is being investigated for possible links to suicide bombings in Brussels. Belgian federal prosecutors said in a statement that the judge ruled arrest warrants issued for Mohamed Abrini and Mohamed Bakkali by French judicial authorities are enforceable. Bakkali is believed to have rented the Brussels apartment where suicide vests used in the attacks that killed 130 in Paris were assembled, and where fugitive suspect Salah Abdeslam hid out for a time before being captured by Belgian police.

SOURCE: 9 June 2016, [ABC News](#)

(U) Singapore – Singapore Turning off Internet in Drastic Plan to Bolster Cybersecurity

(U) In an unprecedented move to bolster security and curb leaks, over 100,000 computers used by civil servants in Singapore are set to be disconnected from the internet. The move is being touted as a way to bulk up network security and reduce the chances of falling victim to a hack. It is believed that employees will be permitted to access the web on personal tablets and smartphones, however public servants will reportedly be barred from forwarding work-related emails to their private accounts.

SOURCE: 9 June 2016, [International Business Times](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Mexico – Drug Cartel Turned Prison into Private Death Camp**

(U) Piedras Negras – The Zetas drug cartel turned one prison in northern Mexican into the gang's own private death camp where they tortured and murdered rivals. According to public prosecutors in the Mexican state of Coahuila, between 2009 and 2012, the Zetas controlled the Piedras Negras prison and used it to run part of their drug trafficking operations in northern Mexico. Authorities estimate that in the three-year period the Zetas killed around 150 people and either burned their bodies or put their remains in acid-filled tanks before disposing of them in a river about 20 miles from the prison.

SOURCE: 9 June 2016, [Fox News Latino](#)

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